

CLAIMS

The invention is claimed as follows:

1. A gaming device comprising:
5 a display device;
a primary game operable upon a wager by a player; and
a secondary game having a winning outcome including a plurality of gaming elements, wherein a play of the primary game provides at least one of the gaming elements for the secondary game regardless of any event in or
10 outcome of the primary game, wherein the winning outcome in the secondary game is based upon the plurality of gaming elements provided from playing the primary game a plurality of times.
2. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the primary game includes a
15 risk, skill, random or knowledge based event.
3. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein for each play of the primary game, one gaming element of the secondary game is provided regardless of any event or outcome of the primary game.
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4. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the number of gaming elements of the secondary game is based on an amount wagered in the primary game.
5. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes at least one primary
25 award associated with at least one winning outcome in the primary game.
6. The gaming device of Claim 5, which enables the player to use the primary award as a separate wager for the secondary game.
- 30 7. The gaming device of Claim 1, which enables the player to place a separate wager on the secondary game.

8. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the winning outcome of the secondary game is at least in part dependent on a decision by the player.
9. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the winning outcome of the secondary game is based on a risk, skill or knowledge event.
10. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the winning outcome of the secondary game is at least in part based on a random event.
11. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the player is provided an award if the winning outcome is obtained in the secondary game.
12. The gaming device of Claim 11, wherein the secondary award is a progressive award.
13. The gaming device of Claim 11, wherein the secondary award is at least one activation of a wide area progressive slot game.
14. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a primary pay table associated with the primary game and a secondary pay table associated with the secondary game.
15. The gaming device of Claim 14, wherein the secondary pay table is based on a winning outcome in the primary game.
16. The gaming device of Claim 14, wherein the secondary pay table is based on the wager made in the primary game.
17. The gaming device of Claim 14, wherein the secondary pay table is based on a wager made in the secondary game.

18. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the secondary game is displayed on a second display device different than the display device operable to display the primary game.
- 5 19. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the secondary game includes a secondary card game having at least one winning outcome, wherein the gaming elements include cards for the secondary card game.
- 10 20. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the secondary game includes a secondary TETRIS™ type game having at least one winning outcome, wherein the gaming elements include blocks for the secondary TETRIS™ type game.
- 15 21. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the secondary game includes a wide area progressive slot game having at least one winning outcome, wherein the game elements include activations of the secondary slot game.
22. A gaming device comprising:
a display device;
a primary game operable upon a wager by a player; and
20 a secondary card game having a winning outcome including a plurality of gaming cards, wherein a play of the primary game provides at least one of the gaming cards for the secondary game regardless of any event in or outcome of the primary game, wherein the winning outcome in the secondary game is based upon the plurality of gaming cards provided from the playing
25 the primary game a plurality of times.
23. The gaming device of Claim 22, which includes a secondary award associated with the winning outcome.
- 30 24. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the winning outcome occurs when the plurality of gaming cards forms a predetermined set.

25. The gaming device of Claim 22, which enables the player to use the plurality of gaming cards as part of a set for the secondary card game.
26. The gaming device of Claim 25, which enables the player to compete
5 against the gaming device in the secondary card game using the set of the plurality of gaming cards.
27. The gaming device of Claim 22, which enables the player to place an additional wager on the secondary game.
- 10 28. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the secondary card game is a poker game.
29. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the secondary card game is a
15 blackjack game.
30. The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the plurality of gaming cards can be replaced with other cards.
- 20 31. A method of operating a gaming device, said method comprising:
 (a) receiving a wager by a player;
 (b) initiating a primary game upon receiving the wager by the player;
 (c) providing at least one gaming element of a secondary game regardless of any event or outcome of the primary game;
25 (d) determining whether a winning outcome occurs in the secondary game, wherein the winning outcome is based on the gaming elements of the secondary game that are provided for playing the primary game; and
 (e) repeating steps (b) to (d) upon another wager by the player.
- 30 32. The method of Claim 31, wherein said steps are provided to the player through a data network.

33. The method of Claim 32, wherein the data network is an internet.

34. A method of operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

- (a) receiving a wager by a player;
- 5 (b) initiating a primary game upon receiving the wager by the player;
- (c) providing at least one gaming card of a secondary game regardless of any event or outcome of the primary game;
- (d) determining whether a winning outcome occurs in the secondary game, wherein the winning outcome is based on the gaming cards of the
- 10 secondary game that are provided for playing the primary game; and
- (e) repeating steps (b) to (d) upon another wager by the player.

35. The method of Claim 34, wherein said steps are provided to the player through a data network.

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36. The method of Claim 35, wherein the data network is an internet.